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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TOSHI HIRANO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MERTZ, P. M.  
SERIAL NO: 09/828,217 :  
FILED: APRIL 9, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1646  
FOR: A MEMBRANE PROTEIN POLYPEPTIDE HAVING PRE-B CELL GROWTH-SUPPORTING ABILITY AND A GENE THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2004 and the May 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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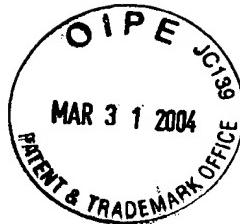
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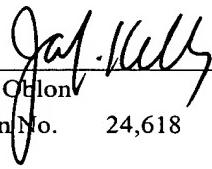
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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 Additional documents filed herewith:

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